

NATIONAL POLL

A Survey of Americans Adults

October 17, 2023

Sample Size Total: 1,000

Gender	Total
Men	49%
Women	51%

1. In general, on a scale of 0 to 10 where a 10 means it is a big threat and a 0 means it is not at all a threat, how would you rate the current threat of COVID in the United States?

Mean	Total
	5.24
Very big threat (8-10)	24%
Big threat (6-7)	21%
Neutral (5)	18%
Not a big threat (3-4)	14%
Not a threat at all (0-2)	20%
Don't know/refused	3%

2. And thinking about you personally, which of the following have you had to deal with because of COVID over the past couple months? Please check all that apply.

	Total
Had to skip going to a party or function with friends	21%
Had to cancel a family function	20%
Had to cancel a trip	19%
Had to miss work because I was sick	17%
Had to miss work because a family member was sick	15%
Something else not listed above	13%
It has had no effect on me over the past few months	48%
Not sure	5%

Methodology: 1,000 interviews among adults age 18+ were conducted from October 12-16, 2023 using an online survey. The results were weighted to ensure proportional responses. The Bayesian confidence interval for 1,000 interviews is 3.5%, which is roughly equivalent to a margin of error of ± 3.1 at the 95% confidence level.

3. And regardless of how big a threat you feel it is, do you feel the Biden Administration is focusing on COVID too much or too little?

	Total
Way too much	16%
A little too much	14%
About the right amount	44%
Not enough	13%
Way too little	6%
Not sure	7%

4. Which of the following COVID vaccines have you received?

	Total
I did not receive any of the shots	21%
I got the first of the two shots, but didn't go back for the second	9%
I got both of the original shots (or the original J&J shot)	22%
I got the first set of shots and one booster	20%
I got the first set of shots and two boosters	25%
Not sure/prefer not to say	4%

5. [IF 1-2 IN Q4] And did you make the decision to not get the vaccine or boosters based on your own feelings, or did a doctor advise that you not get them?

	Total
Personal decision	80%
Medical advice	14%
Prefer not to say	6%

6. [IF 3-5 in Q4] As you may have heard there is an updated vaccine that was just approved by the FDA and available for people over the age of 12. Which of the following best describes you personally?

	Total
I already received the new booster	20%
I will definitely get the new booster	28%
I will probably get the new booster	13%
Still deciding whether or not to get the new booster	15%
I probably won't get the new booster	8%
I definitely won't get the new booster	13%
Not sure/ prefer not to say	3%

7. As you may already know, vaccines are one way to mitigate the impact on those infected with COVID. There also have been other treatments developed to try to reduce the symptoms of the virus, such as Paxlovid, as well as using monoclonal antibodies (or mAbs) to help prevent and treat COVID in immunocompromised patients, those with weak immune systems and other underlying conditions, that are unable to get the vaccines or take certain medications due to their health.

mAbs are molecules that scientists develop in a lab and mimic the natural antibodies the body makes to fight against a virus or an infection, and have, in the past, successfully eased COVID complications in immunocompromised patients. These therapies are also known to have a lower risk of interacting with drugs than Paxlovid and are a good option for people suffering from chronic disease and taking multiple medications. Currently, there are no mAbs available, though some are being developed.

Based on what you know about these treatments, how much focus do you think the federal government should put on each of the following? (Please make sure your answers add up to 100%)

	Mean	% Who feel there should be a focus
Updating vaccines to handle new variants	38.09	56%
Developing new pharmaceuticals to help minimize the effects of the virus	33.58	56%
Fostering innovative treatments such as mAbs	28.33	54%
None of the above	40%	

8. Before reading the question above, how would you rate your awareness or knowledge of monoclonal antibodies (or mAbs)?

	Total
Had heard of them and knew what they are	19%
Had heard of them but didn't really know what they were	35%
This was the first-time hearing about them	37%
Not sure	9%

9. When it comes to approving COVID treatments, such as mAbs, do you think that the FDA should move quicker to approve treatments that have been proven to be safe and effective?

	Total
Yes, the FDA should move quicker to approve treatments	55%
No, the FDA should not move quicker	26%
Not sure	19%

Regardless of whether you think the FDA should move quicker or not, below are a few statements made by people who support the approval of more COVID treatment options. Please rate each one on a 0 to 10 scale where a 10 means it is a very strong reason to support more approvals, and a 0 means it is not a strong reason at all to support more approvals. You can use any number between 0 and 10.

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>% Strong reason (8-10)</u>
10. There are over 8 million people in the US who are not able to be vaccinated or take medication to prevent or reduce the effects of COVID because they are immunocompromised. These patients need treatments such as mAbs to help protect them.	6.19	50%
11. The COVID-19 virus will continue to evolve and scientists need to be able to adjust their treatments to address the newest variants. If the FDA continues to drag their feet, it puts millions of people at risk.	6.22	51%
12. The administration is only putting 7% of its COVID investment toward innovative treatments such as mAbs. We need to put more resources towards these innovative approaches.	5.78	45%
13. The FDA made accommodations for the development of vaccines and their boosters, because the agency recognized the need to get those treatments to patients as soon as possible. Now, we have an opportunity to ensure innovative treatments can help combat current and future variants. The same approach should be taken with mAbs.	5.85	44%

14. In general, do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

For all Americans to truly live with COVID-19, we must have a diverse strategy that utilizes all the prevention and treatment tools. A one-size-fits-all approach of simply insisting people get vaccinated and treated with anti-virals is not working now and will not work going forward.

	Total
Strongly agree	27%
Agree	43%
Disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	6%
Not sure	13%

A few demographic questions that are for statistical purposes only.

1. Starting out, we want to make sure we are talking to a lot of different kinds of people. How do you identify yourself?

	Total
Man	49%
Woman	51%
Non-binary	1%

2. Please indicate in what year you were born.

	Total
Under 45	46%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

3. Please indicate in which state you live.

	Total
Northeast	18%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	24%

4. And how would you describe the area you live in?

	Total
Urban Area	36%
Suburban Area	38%
Rural Area	25%

5. Could you please indicate which race/ethnicity best describes you?

	Total
White	61%
Black or African American	12%
Hispanic, Latinx, or of Spanish origin	17%
Asian	6%
Native American	1%
Other	3%
Prefer not to say	0%

6. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

	Total
Strong Republican	17%
Not-so-strong Republican	8%
Independent - lean Republican	8%
Independent	21%
Independent - lean Democratic	6%
Not-so-strong Democrat	9%
Strong Democrat	26%
Other	4%
Refused	2%

7. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 – 11 th grade	4%
High school graduate	31%
Non-college post H.S.	2%
Some college	29%
College graduate	20%
Post-graduate school	14%
Unsure	0%

8. Are you married, unmarried living with partner, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	41%
Unmarried with partner	10%
Single	28%
Separated/divorced	14%
Widowed	6%
Unsure	0%

9. Do you have any children under the age of 18 years old living in your household?

	Total
Yes	32%
No	66%
Refuse/Decline Answer	1%

10. What was your approximate annual income before taxes last year?

	Total
Less than \$20,000	18%
\$20,000-\$39,999	25%
\$40,000-\$59,999	16%
\$60,000-\$79,999	10%
\$80,000-\$99,999	6%
\$100,000-\$119,999	4%
\$120,000-\$149,999	5%
\$150,000-\$199,999	6%
\$200,000-\$249,999	2%
\$250,000 or more	2%
Not currently employed	1%
Prefer not to say	5%